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INTRODUCTION.

Jyoutisha Shastra consists of three branches–Samhita (Natural Astrology), Jataka (Horoscopy) and Tantra (Astronomy). Prasna or horary astrology is allied to Jataka. While Jataka attempts at predicting the fortunes of an individual from the planetary positions at the time of his *birth* Prasna aims at solving numerous questions concerning human life from the planetary positions at the time of *query*; while the one is capable of predicting distant future events the other is concerned generally with events of immediate occurrence. The study of Jataka is hard while that of Prasna is easy.

Numerous works exist on Prasna. The present work is a very brief one and is divided into 7 Chapters and consists of only 56 stanzas. Its chief merit is its condensed character, and the method, beauty and

simplicity of the rules for the prediction of numerous important questions. Chapter I contains general principles and rules of prediction and the discovery of the nature of the question asked. Chapters II and III are useful to kings and contain rules for ascertaining the movements of the enemy, whether or not there will be fight, which party will win and whether there will be peace. The remaining 5 Chapters are of general interest: Chapter IV is on good and evil in general—gain and loss, success and failure and the like. This Chapter must be consulted to solve questions not specially provided for in the other Chapters. Chapter V is on travellers and contains rules for ascertaining the condition of persons who have gone abroad and the time of their return. The VIth Chapter is on stolen property. Rules are given for discovering the nature of the property stolen, the time of theft, the place of the property and the discription, age and caste

of the thief. The last Chapter deals with miscellaneous matters:—the discovery of the sex of the child in the womb, the prediction of marriage, of rain, of the age and relation of the person questioned about, the return or non-return of a traveller, the character and age of a woman enjoyed by a person and the illness and death of a person who has gone abroad.

The author presumes in the reader a knowledge of the elementary principles of horoscopy, including the definitions of numerous astrological terms. A thorough study of the first two Chapters of the Brihat Jataka of Varaha Mihira will be sufficient to enable the reader to solve horary questions with ease and precision.

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To

Brahma Sree

Tandalai SEETARAMA Josier

The most celebrated Astrologer

Of

Southern India.

This little book

Is most respectfully dedicated as a token of affection and esteem

By his humble Student

The Translator.

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Duly making his salutation to Brahma, Eesvara, Vishnu, the Sun, the Moon, Mars, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn, also to Ganesa, to his own preceptor and to Saraswati, Utpala, an eminent Brāhmin proceeds to comment on the Horary work of the sage and son of Varaha Mihira for the benefit of the world.

Notes.

The above stanza is written by Utpala the commentator. This is the same person who has commented on the Brihat Samhita and the Brihat Jataka of Varaha Mihira.

Chapter I.

ON GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

प्रणिपत्य रविं मूर्ध्ना
वराहमिहिरात्मजेन सद्यशसा ।
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Prithuyasas, the renowned son of Varaha Mihira, making his salutation to the Sun, writes this work of deep meaning on Horary Astrology for the benefit of mankind.

Notes.

This is the first stanza of Shatpanchasika which, as the name denotes, consists of 56 stanzas. The author speaks of himself in the third person.

च्युतिर्व्विलग्नाद्धिबुकाच्च वृद्धिः
मध्यात्प्रवासोऽस्तमयान्निवृत्तिः ।
वाच्यं ग्रहैः प्रश्नविलग्नकालात्
गृहंप्रविष्टोहिबुकेप्रवासी ॥ 2 ॥

(How to make predictions in certain matters).

Removal from a place shall be determined from the rising sign (at the time of query); increase from the 4*th* house, travel from the 10*th* house and return (from travel) from the 7*th* house. Planetary positions shall also be taken into account. The time of return of a traveller shall be determined from the entry of a planet into the 4*th* house.

Notes.

In this stanza the author gives the rough outline of the process for determining four important classes of questions: All questions connected with a person's removal from his place shall be determined from the rising sign and from the planets occupying or aspecting it. For instance, if the rising sign be a movable sign there will be removal. If it be a fixed sign, there will be none. Again, if the rising sign be occupied or aspected by its lord or by a benefic planet, there will be no removal; but if it be

occupied or aspected by a malefic planet there *will be* removal. If the rising sign be a double-bodied sign, then there will be no removal, if the lord of the sign or the benefic planets occupying or aspecting such sign be more powerful than the malefic planets occupying or aspecting the same.

Secondly: All questions regarding the increase of one's wealth, lands, family &c shall be determined similarly from the character of the 4th house and from the planets occupying or aspecting it. For instance, there will be increase if the 4th house be a movable sign and also if it be occupied or aspected by benefic planets.

Thirdly: All questions regarding travel to foreign lands shall be determined in the same way from the 10th house and from the planets occupying or aspecting it. E. g. There will be travel to foreign lands if the 10th house be a movable sign.

Fourthly: Questions regarding the return of a traveller shall be determined from the 7th

house and from the planets occupying or aspecting the same. E. g. If the 7th house be a movable sign and if it be occupied or aspected by malefic planets, the traveller will not return from his travel.

Also, if, at the time of query regarding the time of return of a traveller, the 4th house from the rising sign be occupied either by its lord or by benefic planets, the traveller will have returned already and the number of days that have elapsed from the date of such return will be the same as the number of days that have elapsed from the entry of the planet into the 4th house.

Again, if the planet be not in the 4th house, the traveller will return home after the same number of days as are required for the entry of the planet into the 4th house. These matters refer to a traveller who has gone to *distant* lands.

N. B. A study of Shatpanchasika requires a thorough knowledge of the first two chapters of the Brihat Jataka which contain

the definitions and the elementary principles of the Science.

For the houses and their lords vide stanza 6 ch. I of Brihat Jataka. For planetary aspects vide 13. ch II. B. J. For benefic planets vide note (d), 5. ch- II. B. J. For malefic planets vide 5. ch. II. B. J.

योयोभावः स्वामिदृष्टो युतोवा
सौम्यैर्वास्यात्तस्य तस्यास्ति वृद्धिः ।
पापैरेवं तस्य भावस्य हानिः
विज्ञातव्या जायतां प्रच्छतां वा ॥ 3 ॥

(To predict increase or decrease generally).

The significations of houses either occupied or aspected by their lords or by benefic planets will increase; if the houses be occupied or aspected by malefic planets the significations will suffer. This rule applies both to horoscopy and to horary astrology.

Notes.

For a complete list of the significa-

tions of the houses vide notes to 15. Ch. I of B. J. Suppose Gemini to be the rising sign, then the 5th house is Libra. Suppose Libra to be occupied or aspected by either Venus its lord, or by Jupiter, a benefic planet. The signification of the 5th house being "sons" the native or the querent will have several children; but if Libra be occupied or aspected by Saturn or Mars he will have either no sons or the sons will die.

सौम्ये विलग्ने यदि वास्य वर्गे
शीर्षोदये सिद्धिमुपैति कार्य्यम् ।
अतोविपर्य्यस्थमसिद्धिहेतुः
कृच्छ्रेण संसिद्धिकरं विमिश्रम् ॥ 4 ॥

(*To predict success or failure*)

If the Prasna Lagna (*a*) be occupied by benefic planets (*b*), if the rising Varga(*c*) be that of a benefic planet and if such Prasna Lagna be a sign that rises with its head (*d*), the querent will gain his object. If the reverse of these be the case (*e*), the querent will fail in his object. If the two yogas (*f*)

be found mixed up (*g*) there may be success after hard attempts.

Notes.

In this stanza the author gives a rough outline of prediction whether the querent will gain or lose his object.

(*a*) Prasna Lagna: This is the rising sign at the time of query.

(*b*) Benefic planets: These are Jupiter, Venus, Mercury and the full Moon.

(c) Varga: This means a division of the ecliptic or of a sign of Zodiac. There are 6 such divisions in common use known as shad-vargas, Vide, 9 ch. I. B. J.

(*d*) For signs that rise with their heads, tails and sides vide, 10. ch. I. B. J. These signs are known as Sirodaya, Prishtodaya and Sira-Prishtodaya respectively.

(*e*) That is, if the Prasna Lagna be occupied by a malefic planet, if it be a sign rising with its feet or if the rising Varga (division) be that of a malefic planet.

(*f*) Yoga: Particular planetary positions.

(*g*) That is (1). If the rising sign be occupied by both benefic and malefic planets.

(2) Or, if the rising division be at the same time that of a benefic and malefic planet.

(3) Or, if a malefic planet occupy the Prasna Lagna when it is a Sirodaya sign.

(4) Or, if a malefic Varga of a Sirodaya sign rise at the time of query.

(5) Or, if a benefic planet occupy the Prasna Lagna when it is a Prishtodaya sign.

(6) Or, if a benefic Varga of a Prishtodaya sign rise at the time of query.

(7) Or, if the Prasna Lagna be sign Pisces which rises both by its head and feet. Success or failure will follow the strength of the benefic or the malefic element of a Yoga as the case may be.

होरास्थित: पूर्णतनु: शशाङ्को
जीवेन दृष्टो यदि वा सितेन ।
क्षिप्रप्रनष्टस्य करोति लब्धिम्
लाभोपयातो बलवान् शुभश्च ॥ 5 ॥

(To predict immediate recovery of stolen property).

If the Prasna Lagna be occupied by the full Moon (*a*) and if such Moon be aspected by Jupiter or Venus there will be immediate recovery of property lost or stolen. The recovery of such property may also be predicted if the 11*th* house from Prasna Lagna be occupied by a powerful (*b*) benefic planet.

Notes.

(*a*) Full moon: This term refers to the moon during the last 5 days of the bright half and the first 5 days of the dark half of the lunar month.

(*b*) The strength or bala of planets is of five sorts: For (1). Sthana bala: vide stanza 19 ch. II. B. J.

(2) Dik-bala: vide. Note (f) 19. ch. II. B. J.

(3) Cheshtabala: vide. 20. ch. II. B. J.

(4) Kala-bala: vide. 21. ch. II. B. J.

(5) Naisargikabala: vide note (b) 21 ch. II B. J.

स्वांशं विलग्ने यदि वा त्रिकोणे
स्वांशे स्थितः पश्यति धातुश्चिन्तां ।
परांशकस्थश्च करोति जीवं
मूलं परांशोपगतः परांशं ॥ 6 ॥

(To predict the nature of object of query).

If, at the time of query, a planet occupying his own Navamsa (*a*) aspect either the Prasna Lagna containing his Navamsa (*b*), or the 5th or the 9th house containing such Navamsa, the query refers to *Dhatu* or mineral matter (*c*). If, at the time, a planet occupying a Navamsa other than his own, aspect as before (*d*) the query refers to *Jeeva* or an animal (*e*). If, at the time, a planet occupying other than his own Navamsa aspect either the Prasna Lagna or the 5th or the 9th house which does not contain his Navamsa the query refers to *Moola* or a vegetable matter. *(f)*

Notes.

(*a*) Occupying his own Navamsa in any sign

(*b*) Containing his Navamsa: It is not all signs that contain the Navamsas of all planets. For instance: Signs Aries, Leo and Sagittari do not contain the Navamsa of Saturn.

(*c*) All questions are divided into 3 classes —those relating to objects of the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms. Questions relating to lands, metals, stones and the like refer to *Dhatu* or minerals.

(*d*) Aspect as before: that is, aspect the Prasna Lagna or the 5th or the 9th house from it containing the Navamsa of such planet.

(*e*) Questions relating to all living creatures refer to *Jeeva* or animals. The commentator adds that according as the Navamsa of a planet is of the biped, quadruped or centiped class, the querent's question refers to men, animals or worms. For biped, quadruped and centiped signs, vide 17 ch. I. B. J.

(*f*) Questions relating to trees and crops refer to objects of the vegetable kingdom. The commentator adds that according as the Navamsa occupied by the aspecting planet is a dry or a wet one, the object is a tree or a plant growing

on land or in water: The signs and Navamsas of Cancer, Capricorn and Pisces are known as wet and the other signs and Navamsas are known as dry.

धातुं मूलं जीवमित्योजराशौ
युग्मे विंद्यादे तदेव प्रतीपं ।
लग्ने योंशस्तत्क्रमाद्द्रव्यमेवं
संक्षेपोयं विस्तरात्तत्प्रभेदः ॥ 7 ॥

(To predict the same as above).

The Navamsas of the odd signs (*a*) respectively represent Dhatu, Moola and Jeeva over and over again (*b*) and the Navamsas of the even signs (*c*) respectively represent objects in the inverse order (*d*). The object involved in the query will be that represented by the rising Navamsa. The above is a brief rule. The same objects divide into various sub-divisions.

Notes.

(*a*) The odd signs are Aries, Gemini, Leo,

Libra, Sagittari and Aquarius.

(b) The Navamsas from the first to the ninth of the odd signs represent respectively (1) Dhatu, (2) Moola, (3) Jeeva, (4) Dhatu, (5) Moola, (6) Jeeva, (7) Dhatu, (8) Moola and (9) Jeeva.

(c) The even signs are Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn and Pisces.

(d) The Navamsas of the even signs represent respectively (1) Jeeva, (2) Moola, (3) Dhatu, (4) Jeeva, (5) Moola, (6) Dhatu [7] Jeeva, [8] Moola and [9] Dhatu.

CHAPTER II.

On Fight And The Movement Of The Enemy

वृषसिंहवश्चिकघटैः
विद्धि स्थानं गमागमौनस्तः ।
न हृतं न चापि नष्टं
नरोगशान्तिर्न चाभिभवः ॥ ४ ॥

(To predict absence of change in certain matters).

If the rising sign be Taurus, Leo,

Scorpio or Aquarius there will be no removal from one's place; there will be neither travel nor return of a traveller; there will be no death; no loss of property; no recovery from illness and no defeat.

Notes.

The 4 signs mention ed in the text are fixed signs. Therefore the reply to the queries is of a nature implying no change from the existing state of things. If the question be whether a person will quit his place, the prediction is that he will not; if it be whether a person will travel to a place, the prediction is that he will not; if it be whether a traveller will return , the prediction is that he will not. If the query be whether a person who has gone abroad is living or dead, the prediction is that he is not dead. If it be whether any property is lost or stolen the prediction is that such property is neither lost nor stolen. If the query be whether a person who is known to be ill, will recover from his illness, the prediction is that he will not and if the query be whether a person will suffer defeat in fight the prediction is that he will not.

तद्विपरीतं तु चरैः
द्विशरीरैर्मिश्रितं फलं वाच्यं ।
लग्नेन्द्वोर्वक्रार्थं
शुभदृष्ट्या शोभनमन्यथातोऽन्यत् ॥ 9 ॥

(*To predict change in certain matters*).

If the rising sign be one of the movable signs (*a*) the reverse of what was stated shall be predicted (*b*). If the rising sign be a double-bodied sign, the prediction shall be of a mixed character (*c*). If benefic planets aspect both the rising sign and the Moon, success shall be predicted, if not, failure (*d*).

Notes.

(*a*) For movable, immovable and common or double-bodied signs, vide, 11 ch. I. B. J.

(*b*) That is, a person will quit his place, will travel, that a traveller will return, that there will be death, loss of property, recovery from ill-ness and defeat from the enemy.

(c) That is, both the effects described above and those described in the last stanza shall be predicted. But the commentator adds that if the

first half of a double-bodied sign rise at the time of query, the prediction shall be the same as for a fixed sign; and if the second half rise at the time, the prediction shall be the same as for a movable sign— for this reason, that the first half of a double - bodied sign is nearest to a fixed sign and the 2nd half is nearest to a movable sign.

(*d*) That is, if malefic planets aspect both the rising sign and the Moon, evil shall be predicted. The commentator adds that if either the rising sign or the Moon be aspected by a benefic planet and the other by a malefic planet both good and evil shall be predicted.

सुतशत्रुगतैःपापैःशत्रुर्मार्गान्निवर्त्तते
चतुर्थगैरपि प्राप्तः शत्रुर्भग्नोनिवर्त्तते॥ ॥ 10 ॥

(To predict the enemy's return to his place)

If, at the time of query, the 5th or the 6th house from Prasna Lagna be occupied by malefic planets (*a*), the enemy will return to his place in the middle of his journey;

but if the 4th house be so occupied (*b*), the enemy will return after suffering defeat.

Notes.

(*a*) These are the Sun, Mars and Saturn.

(*b*) That is, occupied by malefic planets.

झषालिकुम्भकर्कटा
रसातले यदा स्थिता: ।
रिपो:पराजयस्तदा
चतुष्पदै: पलायनं ॥ 11 ॥

(To predict the defeat and flight of the enemy).

If, at the time of query, the 4th house from the rising sign be Pisces, Scorpio, Aquarius or Cancer, the enemy will suffer defeat. If such 4th house be a quadruped sign, the enemy will run away.

Notes.

The quadruped signs are Aries, Taurus, Leo, the 2nd half of Sagittari and the 1st half of ~~Cancer.~~ Capricorn.

चरोदये शुभस्थित:
शुभङ्करोति यायिनां ।
अशोभनैरशोभनं
स्थिरोदयेपि वाशुभं ॥ 12 ॥

(*To predict success to the assailant*).

If the Prasna Lagna be a movable sign and if it be occupied by a benefic planet (*a*), the assailant will meet with success; and if such Prasna Lagna be occupied by a malefic planet (*b*), he will suffer defeat. If the Prasna Lagna be a fixed sign, there will be success even though such Lagna may be occupied by a malefic planet (*c*).

Notes.

(*a*) That is, Jupiter, Venus, or Mercury.

(*b*) That is, The Sun, Mars or Saturn.

(*c*) According to the commentator there will be success only if such fixed signs be the planet's Swakshetra (house), exaltation sign, Moolatrikona or friendly sign; otherwise, there will be failure.

For the Swakshetra signs vide 6. ch. I. B. J.
For exaltation signs vide 13. ch. I. B. J.
For Moolatrikona signs vide 14. ch. I.B. J.
For Friendly signs vide 15 to 18. ch. II. B. J.
Another reading is स्थिरेऽष्टमेपिवाप्यशुभं

That is, there will be success if the 8th house from Prasna Lagna be a fixed sign even though it may be occupied by a malefic planet.

स्थिरे शशी चरोदये
न चागमोरिपोर्यदा ।
तदागमं रिपोर्वदे
द्विपर्य्यये विपर्य्ययं ॥ 13 ॥

(*To predict the approach of the enemy*).

If the Prasna Lagna be a movable sign and if the Moon occupy a fixed sign, the enemy will not come to fight. If the case be otherwise (*a*) then, he will.

Notes.

(*a*) That is, if the Prasna Lagna be a fixed sign and the Moon occupy a movable sign.

स्थिरे तु लग्नमागते

द्विरात्मकेतु चन्द्रमाः ।

निवर्त्तते रिपुस्तदा

सुदूरमागतोऽपिसन् ॥ 14 ॥

(To predict again the return of the enemy to his place).

If the Prasna Lagna be a fixed sign and the Moon occupy a double-bodied sign, the enemy, though he may have come a great way (*a*), will go back to his place.

Notes.

(*a*) A great way from his place.

चरे शशी लग्नगतोद्विदेहः

पथोऽर्द्धमागत्यनिवर्त्ततेरिपुः ।

विपर्यये चागमनं द्विधाख्यात्

पराजयः स्यादशुभेक्षिते तु ॥ 15 ॥

(To predict the same as the above).

If the Prasna Lagna be a double-bodied sign and if the Moon occupy a movable sign

the enemy, having come half-way, will return to his place. If the reverse be the case (*a*) and if the rising sign and the Moon be aspected by a malefic planet, the enemy will come and inflict a defeat.

Notes.

(*a*) That is, if the Prasna Lagna be a movable sign and the Moon occupy a double-bodied sign.

अर्कार्किज्ञसिताना
मेकोऽपि चरोदये यदाभवति ।
प्रवदेत्तदाशुगमनं
वक्रगतैर्नेतिवक्तव्यं ॥ 16 ॥

(*To predict whether the King will march for fight*).

If the Prasna Lagna be a movable sign and if the Sun, Saturn, Mercury or Venus occupy it, the king will quit his place and march for fight. But if the planet be retrograde (*a*) in motion, he will not leave his capital.

Notes.

(*a*) Excepting the Sun who never retrogrades.

स्थिरोदयेजीवशनैश्चरेक्षिते
गमागमौ नैववदेत्तु पृच्छतः ।
त्रिपञ्चषष्ठारिपुसङ्गमाय
पापाश्चतुर्थाविनिवर्त्तनाय ॥ 17 ॥

(*To predict meeting with the enemy*).

If the Prasna Lagna be a movable sign and if Jupiter and Saturn aspect it, the querent will neither go to a place nor return from a place. In the same Yoga (*a*), if malefic planets occupy the 3rd, 5th and 6th houses there will be a meeting with the enemy. But if the 4th house be occupied by malefic planets the enemy will return to his place.

Notes.

(*a*) That is, when the Prasna Lagna is a movable sign and Jupiter and Saturn aspect it.

नागच्छति परचक्रं
यदार्कचन्द्रौ चतुर्थभवनस्थौ ।
गुरुबुधशुक्रा हिबुके
यदा तदा शीघ्रमायाति ॥ 18 ॥

(To predict the approach of the enemy).

If the Sun and the Moon, occupy the 4th house from the Prasna Lagna (*a*) the army of the enemy will not arrive. But if Jupiter, Mercury and Venus, occupy such 4th house, the army of the enemy will arrive very soon.

Notes.

(*a*) This may be any sign of the Zodiac.

मेषधनुः सिंहवृषा
यद्युदयस्थाभवन्तिहिबुकेवा।
शत्रुर्निवर्त्ततेतदा
ग्रहसहितावावियुक्तावा ॥ 19 ॥

(To predict the return of the enemy).

If Aries, Sagittari, Leo or Taurus

be either Prasna Lagna or the 4th house from it, whether such Prasna Lagna or 4th house is occupied or not by planets, the enemy will return to his place.

स्थिरराशौ यद्युदये
शनिर्गुरुर्वा यदास्थितस्तदागन्तुः ।
उदये रविर्गुरुर्वा
चरराशौस्यात्तदा गमनं ॥ 20 ॥

(*To predict the movement of the Enemy.*)

If the Prasna Lagna be a fixed sign and if it be occupied by Saturn or Jupiter, the enemy will not move from his place. If the Prasna Lagna be a movable sign and if it be occupied by the Sun or Jupiter, the enemy will arrive.

ग्रहः सर्वोत्तमलो
लग्नाद्यस्मिन् ग्रहेस्थितः ।
मासैस्तत्तुल्यसङ्ख्याकै
निर्दिष्टिं यातु रादिशेत् ॥ 21 ॥

(To predict the time of return of the King from fight)

The King who has marched out for fight will return in as many months as the sign occupied by the most powerful planet (*a*) is removed from Prasna Lagna.

Notes.

(*a*) Powerful absolutely.

चरांशके ग्रहे तस्मिन्
कालमेतद्विनिर्दिशेत् ।
द्विगुणं स्थिरभागस्थे
त्रिगुणं द्व्यात्मकांशके ॥ 22 ॥

(To predict the same as above)

If the planet (*a*) occupy a movable Navamsa the time will be just what was stated (*b*); if it occupy a fixed Navamsa, such time shall be doubled (*c*); and if it occupy a double-bodied Navamsa, it shall be trebled.

Notes.

(*a*) That is, the most powerful planet referred to in the last stanza.

(*b*) That is the number of months equal to the number of signs by which the sign occupied by the most powerful planet is removed from Prasna Lagna.

(*c*) The person who has marched out for fight will return in double the number of months.

(*d*) That is the person will return in 3 times the number of months.

यातुर्लग्ना ज्जामित्र
भवनाधिपतिर्य्यदा ।
करोति वक्रसावृत्तेः
कालंतं ब्रुवतेऽपरे ॥ 23 ॥

(*To predict the same as above*)

According to some, (*a*) a person who has gone out for fight will return at the time when the lord of the 7th house begins to retrograde (*b*).

Notes.

(*a*) Some: Krishnacharyar and others.

(*b*) *When* a planet begins to retrograde must be either calculated or ascertained from the Almanac.

उदयच्चांशिचन्द्रर्क्षं
भवति च यावद्भिर्नैश्चतावद्भिः
आगमनं स्याच्छत्रोः
यदि मध्ये न ग्रहः कश्चित् ॥ 24 ॥

(*To predict the time of approach of the enemy*)

If there be no planets between the rising sign and the sign occupied by the Moon (*a*) the enemy will arrive after as many days as the latter sign is removed from the former.

Notes.

(*a*) According to the commentator if there be planets between the two signs, the enemy will not arrive.

CHAPTER III.

ON VICTORY AND DEFEAT.

दशमोदयसप्तमगाः
सौम्यानगराधिपस्य विजयकराः ।
आरार्कौ च गुरुसिताः
प्रभङ्गदौ विजयदानवमे ॥ 25 ॥

(*To predict victory.*)

If, at the time of query, the Prasna Lagna, the 10th house and the 7th house be occupied by benefic planets, the king of the town attacked will be victorious. But if the 9th house be occupied by Mars and Saturn, the querent will suffer defeat; if it be occupied by Mercury, Jupiter and Venus the querent will win a splendid victory.

पौरास्तृतीयभवनात्
धर्माद्यायायिनः शुभैःशुभदाः ।
व्ययदशमाद्येपापाः
परस्यनेष्टाः शुभायातुः ॥ 26 ॥

(*To predict which party will win.*)

The six houses from the 3rd to the 8th are those of Poura (the king of the town attacked), and the six from the 9th to the 2nd are those of Yayee (the king attacking). The parties will succeed if their signs be occupied by benefic planets (*a*). But if male-

fic planets occupy the 12th, 10th and 11th houses from Prasna Lagna, the Poura will suffer defeat and the Yayee will win success (*b*).

Notes.

(*a*) The commentator adds that malefic planets indicate defeat and that if both benefic and malefic planets occupy the signs there will be neither victory nor defeat.

(*b*) This is evidently an exception to the rule contained in the first half of the text.

नृराशिसंस्थास्तुदये शुभास्तु:
व्ययायसंस्थाश्च यदाभवन्ति ।
तदाशुसन्धिं प्रवदेन्नृपाणां
पापैर्द्विदेहोपगतैर्विरोधं ॥ 27 ॥

(*To predict peace.*)

If, at the time of query, benefic planets (*a*) occupy the biped signs (*a*) or the 11th and 12th houses from Prasna Lagna, there will be peace between the contending kings: but if malefic planets (*c*) occupy the

double-bodied signs the parties will not come to terms.

Notes.

(*a*) These are Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and the Full-Moon.

(*b*) The biped signs are Libra, Virgo, Gemini and Aquarius.

(*c*) These are the Sun, Mars, Saturn and the Waning-Moon.

केन्द्रोपगताः सौम्याः
सौम्यैर्दृष्टाद्विलग्नगाः प्रीतिं ।
कुर्वन्ति पापादृष्टाः
पापास्त्वेव विपरीतम् ॥ 28 ॥

(*To predict peace and union.*)

If, at the time of query, benefic planets occupy the Kendra signs or if they occupy biped signs and be aspected by benefic planets, there will be peace and union between the contending kings. But if malefic planets occupy the Kendras, and if they be aspected by malefic planets, there will be no peace.

द्वितीये वाऽहती ये वा
गुरुशुक्रौ यदा तदा ।
आशु वागच्छति चमूः
प्रवासी वा न संशयः ॥ 29 ॥

(*To predict the return of the army.*)

If at the time of query Jupiter and Venus occupy the 2nd or the 3rd house from Prasna Lagna, the army will return immediately; also a traveller who has gone abroad will return soon.

Notes.

The commentator adds that one of the planets Jupiter and Venus may occupy the 2nd house and the other the 3rd house.

CHAPTER IV.

(*On Good and Evil In General*)

केन्द्रत्रिकोणेषु शुभस्थितेषु
पापेषु केन्द्राष्टमवर्ज्जितेषु ।
सर्वार्थसिद्धिं प्रवदेन्नराणां
विपर्ययस्थेषु विपर्य्ययः स्यात् ॥ 30 ॥

(To predict success and failure in general.)

If, at the time of query, benefic planets occupy the Kendra and Trikona houses and malefic planets do not occupy the Kendra houses and the 8th house, the querent will gain all his objects. If the case be otherwise (*a*) he will fail.

Notes.

(*a*) That is, if malefic planets occupy the Kendra and Trikona houses and benefic planets do not occupy the Kendra houses and the 8th house, the querent will fail in his object.

त्रिपञ्चलाभास्तमयेषुसौम्या
लाभप्रदानेष्ट फलाश्चपापाः ।
तुलाथ कन्यामिथुनोघटश्च
नराश्रयस्तेषु शुभंवदन्ति ॥ 31 ॥

(To predict gain and loss).

If benefic planets occupy the 3rd, 5th, 11th and 7th houses from Prasna Lagna there will be gain of property and if malefic planets occupy the same places there will

be loss of property. Gemini, Virgo, Libra and Aquarius are biped signs. If one of these be the Prasna Lagna and if it be occupied by benefic planets there will be success.

स्थानप्रदादशमसप्तमगास्तुसौम्या
मानार्थदाःस्वसुतलग्नगताभवन्ति ।
पापाव्ययायसहितानशुभप्रदास्तुः
लग्ने शशी न शुभदादशमे शुभश्च ॥ 32 ॥

(*To predict gain of wealth, honor and the like*).

If benefic planets occupy the 10th and 7th houses from Prasna Lagna the querent will go back to his place; if such planets occupy the Prasna Lagna and the 2nd and 5th houses from it, the querent will be honored and will get wealth. If malefic planets occupy the 11th and 12th houses they will do the querent no good. If the Moon occupy the Prasna Lagna, she will do the querent no good. But if she occupy the 10th house, she will bring prosperity.

इन्दुं द्विसप्तदशमायरिपुत्रिसंस्थं
पश्ये द्गुरुःशुभफलं प्रमदाकृतं स्यात् ।
लग्नत्त्रिधर्म्मसुतनैधनगास्तुपापाः
कार्यार्थनाशभयदाःशुभदाश्शुभाश्च ॥33 ॥

(*To predict gain and loss*).

If the Moon occupy the 2nd, 7th, 10th, 11th, 6th, or the 3rd house from Prasna Lagna and be aspected by Jupiter there will be gain of property through a woman. If malefic planets occupy the Prasna Lagna and the 3rd, 9th, 5th and 8th houses from the same there will be fear, failure and loss of wealth; but if such houses be occupied by benefic planets there will be success.

शुभग्रहाः सौम्यनिरीक्षिताश्च
विलग्नसप्ताष्टमपञ्चमस्थाः ।
त्रिषड्दशाये च निशाकरः स्या
च्छुभंवदेद्रोगनिपीडितानां ॥ 34 ॥

(*To predict recovery from illness*).

If benefic planets occupy the Prasna Lagna and the 7th, 8th and 5th houses from the same, and if they be aspected by benefic planets (*a*) and if at the same time the Moon occupy the 3rd, 6th, 10th or 11th house, a person will recover from his illness (*b*).

Notes.

(*a*) In other words, the benefic planets must aspect each other.

(*b*) Otherwise, there will be no recovery from illness.

CHAPTER V.

ON TRAVELLERS

दूरगतस्यागमनं
सुतधनसहजस्थितैर्ग्रहैर्लग्नात् ।
सौम्यैर्नष्टप्राप्तिं
लब्ध्वागमनं गुरुसिताभ्यां ॥ 35॥

(*To predict the return of a traveller*).

If all the planets occupy the 2nd, 3rd and 5th houses from Prasna Lagna, a person who has gone abroad will return soon. If the same three signs be occupied by benefic planets (*a*) a missing person will be found out; and if the same three signs be occupied by Jupiter, a traveller who has gone abroad will return after a time.

Notes.

(*a*) These are Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and the Full-Moon.

जामित्रे त्वथषष्टे वा
ग्रहः केन्द्रेऽथवाक्पतिः ।
प्रोषितागमनं विद्यात्
त्रिकोणे ज्ञे सितेऽपि वा ॥ 36 ॥

(*To predict the same as above*).

If the 7th or the 6th house from Prasna Lagna be occupied by a planet and if at the same time Jupiter occupy a Kendra house the person who has gone abroad will return soon. Again, if Mercury and

Venus occupy the 5th and 9th houses from Prasna Lagna the traveller will return soon.

अष्टमस्थे निशानाथे
कण्टकैः पापवर्ज्जितैः ।
प्रवासी सुखमायाति
सौम्यैर्लाभसमन्वितः ॥ 37 ॥

(*To predict the same as above*).

If the Moon occupy the 8th house from Prasna Lagna and if malefic planets do not occupy the Kendra houses, the traveller will return safe; and if the Kendra houses be occupied by benefic planets he will return with gain.

पृष्टोदये पापनिरीक्षितेवा
पापास्तृतीयेरिपुकेन्द्रगावा ।
सौम्यैरदृष्टावधबन्धनास्तु
नष्टाविनष्टास्तुषितास्तुवास्तुः ॥ 38 ॥

(*To predict the condition of a traveller*).

If the Prasna Lagna be a Prishtodaya

sign and if it be aspected by malefic planets the traveller will suffer torture and imprisonment. If malefic planets not being aspected by benefic planets occupy the 3rd house from Prasna Lagna, the traveller will have left for other foreign lands. If such malefic planets occupy the 6th house, the traveller will be dead; and if they occupy one of the Kendra houses he will have been carried away by thieves.

ग्रहोविलग्नाद्यतमे ऽर्क्षे तु
तेनाहताद्वादश राशयस्तु ।
तावद्दिनान्यागमनस्यविन्द्या
न्निवर्तनं वक्रगतैर्ग्रहैस्तु ॥ 39 ॥

(*To predict the time of return of a traveller*).

Multiply 12 by the number of signs from Prasna Lagna to the first sign occupied by a planet. The product will give the number of days in which a traveller will return (*a*). But if such planet be then retrograde in motion, the traveller will

return in as many days as the number of signs from Prasna Lagna to the sign occupied by the planet (*b*).

Notes.

(*a*) The planet is one in its direct course.

(*b*) Suppose the Prasna Lagna to be sign Virgo and the first sign occupied by a planet to be Sagittari. From Virgo to Sagittari is 4 signs. $12 \times 4 = 48$. If the planet occupying Sagittari be one in its direct course the traveller will return in 48 days; and if he be retrograde in motion, the traveller will return in 4 days.

CHAPTER VI.

ON THE RECOVERY OF STOLEN PROPERTY.

स्थिरोदये स्थिरांशे वा
वर्गोत्तमगतेऽपिवा ।
स्थितं तत्रैव तद्द्रव्यं
स्वकीयेनैवचोरितं ॥ 40 ॥

(To discover the thief and place of property).

If the Prasna Lagna be a fixed sign or if the rising Navamsa be a fixed Navamsa or a Vargottama (*a*) Navamsa, the property may be declared to be still in the house having been stolen by the querent's own men.

Notes.

(*a*) Vargottama Navamsas: These are

(1) The first Navamsas of the four movable signs Aries, Cancer, Libra and Capricorn.

(2) The 5th Navamsas of the four fixed signs Taurus, Leo, Scorpio and Aquarius.

(3) The 9th Navamsas of the four double-bodied signs Gemini ,Virgo, Sagittari and Pisces.

If the yoga be other than that described in the text, it may be declared that the property has been stolen by strangers and removed from the place.

आदिमध्यावसानेषु
द्रेक्काणेषु विलग्नतः ।
द्वारदेशेऽथवामध्ये
गृहान्ते च वदेद्धनं ॥ 41 ॥

(To discover the place of property in the house).

If the rising Drekkana be the 1st Drekkana of Prasna Lagna, the property will be left near the entrance of the house; if it be the 2nd Drekkana, the property will be found about the middle of the house; and if it be the third Drekkana, the property will be left near the other end of the house.

पूर्ण:शशीलग्नगत: शुभोवा
शीर्षोदयेसौम्यनिरीक्षितश्च ।
नष्टस्यलाभं कुरुतेतदाशु
लाभोपयातोबलवाञ्छुभश्च ॥ 42 ॥

(To predict the immediate recovery of stolen property).

If the full Moon (*a*) occupy the Prasna Lagna or if the Prasna Lagna be a Sirodaya sign and occupied and aspected by benefic planets or if the 11th house from Prasna Lagna be occupied by a powerful planet, the property lost or stolen will be recovered soon.

Notes.

(*a*) Full Moon : This refers to the Moon from 11th lunar day of the light half to the 5th lunar day of the dark half of the lunar month.

दिग्वाच्याकेन्द्रगतै
रसम्भवेवा वदेद्विलग्नर्क्षात् ।
मध्याच्च तैर्विलग्ना
न्नवांशकैर्योजनावाच्याः ॥ 43 ॥

(*To discover the direction and distance of the place of property*).

The direction in which stolen property has been carried away shall be determined from the planets occupying the Kendras (a); if there be no planets in the Kendra houses, then such direction shall be determined from the rising sign (b). The distance to which the property has been carried will be as many Yojanas (c) as the rising Navamsa is removed from the first or the 5th Navamsa of the rising sign (d).

Notes.

(*a*) The planetary directions are :—

The Sun	... East.	Saturn	... West.
Venus	... S. East.	The Moon.	N. West.
Mars	... South.	Mercury	... North.
Rahu	... S. West.	Jupiter	... N. East.

Where there are several planets in the Kendras, the direction of the most powerful planet shall be adopted.

(*b*) The Zodiacal directions are:—

Aries, Leo, Sagittari	... East.
Taurus, Virgo, Capricorn.	... South.
Gemini, Libra, Aquarius.	... West.
Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces.	... North.

(*c*) A yojana is about 5 English miles.

(*d*) That is, according as the rising Navamsa lies between the 1st and 5th or between the 6th and 9th Navamsas of the Prasna Lagna.

अंशकाज्ज्ञायतेद्रव्यं
द्रेष्काणैस्तस्करास्तथाः ।
राशिभ्यःकालदिग्देशा
वयोजातिश्चलग्नपात् ॥ 44 ॥

To discover the nature and place of stolen property, the time of theft, and the description, age and caste of the thief.

The nature of the stolen property shall be determined from the rising Navamsa (a). The description of the thief shall be determined from the rising Drekkana (b). The time of theft, (c) the direction (d) and place (e) of stolen property shall be determined from the rising sign; and the age (f) and caste (g) of the thief shall be determined from the lord of the rising sign.

Notes.

(*a*) That is, whether the stolen property belongs to the mineral, vegetable or animal kingdom. Vide, stanza 6 Ch. I.

Besides, the color of the stolen property will be that of the rising sign :

Aries	... Red.	Libra	... Black.
Taurus	... White.	Scorpio	...Gold color.
Gemini	... Parrot co- [lor.	Sagittari	–Of the co- [lor of the husk of paddy.

Cancer	... Of the co- [lor of Patali*	Capricorn	White- [red:
Leo	... Black.	Aquarius	– Of the co- [lor of Mungoose.
Virgo	... Variegated [in color.	Pisces	... Of the color [of the fish.

Vide stanza 20 Ch. I. B. J.

Again, the size or shape of the property shall be determined from the rising Navamsa:

Aries, Taurus, Aquarius and Pices ... Short or [round.

Gemini, Cancer, Sagittari and Capricorn ... Of middle size or of equal length and breadth.

Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio ... Long.

Again, if the lord of the rising sign be powerful, the property will be a massive solid : if he be of ordinary power, the property will be hollow inside and if he occupy a depression sign or if he be an Astangata planet, the property will be of a perishing nature.

(*b*) The thief will be of the description of the rising Drekkana :

*Patali: The trumpet flower.

The 1st Drekkana of Aries is a man with a white cloth, black, of fearful appearance, red eyes, and with an axe in his hand.

The 2nd Drekkana of Aries is a woman, fond of ornaments and sweetmeats with a big belly and along nose and is single-legged.

The 3rd Drekkana of Aries is a man of wicked nature, learned, of a brown color, with a stick in his hand and wearing a red garment.

The 1st Drekkana of Taurus is a woman with hairs cut and growing in curls, with a big belly, wearing a burnt garment and fond of food and ornaments.

The 2nd Drekkana of Taurus is a man skilled in agriculture, music, dance and painting, with a bent-back, with the face of a ram and wearing dirty garments.

The 3rd Drekkana of Taurus is a man with a body like that of the elephant, with feet like those of the camel and of a brown color.

The 1st Drekkana of sign Gemini is a woman fond of needle work, beautiful, fond of decoration, without children and full of lustful thoughts.

The 2nd Drakkana of sign Gemini is a man wearing a mail coat, fond of fight, carrying a bow and arrows, with the face of the Garuda bird, and thoughts directed to play, children, orna ments and wealth.

The 3rd Drekkana of sign Gemini is a man wearing ornaments, a mail coat and a target, carrying a bow in his hand, learned in the arts and a literary writer.

The 1st Drekkana of Sign Cancer has a body resembling that of the elephant, feet like those of the camel, a face like that of the hog, and a neck like that of the horse.

The 2nd Drekkana of Sign Cancer is a woman hard-hearted and young.

The 3rd Drekkana of Sign Cancer is a man sailing in a boat, wearing ornaments and with a flat face.

The 1st Drekkana of sign Leo is of the shape of a vulture or of jackal and dressed in dirty garments.

The 2nd Drekkana of sign Leo is a man of the shape of a horse, unapproachable like the lion, with a bow in his hand & with a bent nose.

The 3rd Drekkana of sign Leo is a man with the face of a bear, the pranks of a monkey, with a club in his hand and with a long beard, whiskers and curling hairs.

The 1st Drekkana of sign Virgo is a virgin girl dressed in dirty garments and fond of cloths and wealth.

The 2nd Drekkana of sign Virgo is a man with a pen in his hand, black, examinining items of receipt and expenditure and covered with hairs all over his body.

The 3rd Drekkana of Virgo is a woman of yellow color, dressed in white silk, pure and religious.

The 1st Drekkana of sign Libra is a trader engaged in weighing and measuring articles.

The 2nd Drekkana of sign Libra is a man with the face of a vulture, suffering from hunger and thirst and fond of his wife and children.

The 3rd Drekkana of sign Libra is a man with the face of a horse wearing a mail coat, monkey-like in appearance and holding a bow in his hand.

The 1st Drekkana of sign Scorpio is a beautiful woman, naked, quitting her place and landing after a long sea-voyage.

The 2nd Drekkana of sign Scorpio is a woman with a big belly, longing for the comforts of her place and with a snake coiled round her body.

The 3rd Drekkana of Scorpio is a lion with a broad and flat face and lording over a country abounding in sandal trees.

The 1st Drekkana of sign Sagittari is a man with the body of a horse and with a long bow in his hand.

The 2nd Drekkana of sign Sagittari is a beautiful woman seated on a throne and picking up the gems of the sea.

The 3rd Drekkana of sign Sagittari is a man with a long beard and whiskers, with a club in his hand and dressed in white silk and deer-skin.

The 1st Drekkana of sign Capricorn is a man covered with hairs, strong, with a body like that of the dog, wearing fetters and with a deformed face.

The 2nd Drekkana of Capricorn is a woman

skilled in the arts, with beautiful eyes, black and wearing iron ear-ornaments.

The 3rd Drekkana of Capricorn is of the shape of a Kinnara (Celestial being) covered with flannel and with a quiver, a bow and a mail coat.

The 1st Drekkana of sign Aquarius is a man with the face of a vulture, fond of liquor and food and dressed in flannel, silk and deer-skin.

The 2nd Drekkana of Aquarius is a woman collecting iron, living in a forest and dressed in dirty garments.

The 3rd Drekkana of sign Aquarius is a black man with hairy ears, wearing a crown and carrying oil, iron and pots from one place to another.

The 1st Drekkana of sign Pisces is a man with the vessels of sacrificial rites, pearls, gems and conch-shells in his hands and sailing in a boat.

The 2nd Drekkana of sign Pisces is a woman with a long flag-staff, and banner in her hands with a bright face and sailing in a boat.

The 3rd Drekkana of sign Pisces is a man with a snake coiled round him, naked, suffering frome thieves, fire and hunger and weeping.

For more particulars about the descriptions of Drekkanas vide, ch. 27 B. J.

(*c*) Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Sagittari and Capricorn, are known as night signs; so that, if one of these be the rising sign the theft will have occurred at night.

Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Aquarius, and Pisces are known as day signs; so that, if one of these be the rising sign at the time of query, then theft will have occurred during the day time. Vide 10. ch. I B. J.

(*d*) For Zodiacal directions, Vide Note (*b*) of last stanza. The stolen property will have been carried away in the direction of the rising sign.

(*e*) Aries ... a place frequented by sheep.
Taurus ... a cattle-shed.
Gemini ... a place of music or dance
Cancer a ~~battle-field~~. water bank
Leo ... a forest.
Virgo ... places near a boat stand.
Libra ... a bazaar.
Scorpio ... snake holes and the like hollow places.

Sagittari a battle field or a place frequented by horses.
Capricorn places near water.
Aquarius ... an artist's workshop or a pot
Pisces ... places near water.

The stolen property will be secured in a place of the description of the place of the rising sign.

(*f*) The Moon ... a child.
Mars ... a boy.
Mercury ... a Brahmachary (student)
Venus ... a young man.
Jupiter ... a man of middle age.
The Sun ... an old man.
Saturn ... a man in his dotage.

The age of the thief will be the age of the lord of the rising sign.

(*g*) Jupiter and Venus ... Brahmins.
The Sun and Mars ... Kshtryas.
The Moon ... a Vaisya.
Mercury ... a Sudra.
Saturn ... a Chandala.

The thief will belong to the caste of the lord of the rising sign.

CHAPTER VII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

विषमस्थितेऽर्कपुत्रे

सुतस्यजन्मान्यथाङ्गनायास्तु ।

लभ्या वरस्य नारी

समस्थितेऽतोन्यथावाम्सं ॥ 45 ॥

(*To discover the sex of the child in the womb*).

If Saturn occupy an odd sign from the Prasna Lagna, (*a*) the issue will be a male child; if he occupy an even sign, the issue will be a female child. Again, if Saturn occupy an even sign from Prasna Lagna, a person who questions about marriage (b) will get married and not otherwise.

Notes.

(*a*) Excepting the Prasna Lagna. Vide 12 ch. 4 B. J.

(*b*) Or a voluptuary, according to the commentator, will get a woman.

गुरुरविसौम्यैर्दृष्ट
स्त्रिसुतमदनायारिगः शशीलग्नात् ।
भवति तु विवाहकर्त्ता
त्रिकोणकेन्द्रेषु वासौम्याः ॥ 46 ॥

(*To predict marriage*).

If the moon occupy the 3rd, 5th, 7th, 11th or the 6th house from Prasna Lagna and be aspected by Jupiter, the Sun and Mercury there will be marriage. Also, if the Trikona and Kendra houses from Prasna Lagna be ocupied (a) by benefic planets, there will be marriage.

Notes.

(*a*) Occupied in any way.

चन्द्रार्कयोः सप्तमगौ सितार्कौ
सुखेऽष्टमेवापितयाविलग्नात् ।
द्वितीयदुश्चिक्यगतौ तथावा
वर्षासुदृष्टिं प्रवदेद्विलग्नात् ॥ 47 ॥

(*To predict rain in a rainy season*).

If Venus and Saturn occupy the 7th places from the Sun and the Moon (a) or the 4th and 8th places from Prasna Lagna (b) or the 2nd and 3rd places from Prasna Lagna (c) there will be rain in the rainy season (d).

Notes.

(*a*) In any way.

(*b*) In any way.

(*c*) In any way.

(*d*) That is, if the question is asked in a rainy season.

सौम्याजलराशिस्थास्तृतीय
धनकेन्द्रगाः सिते पक्षे ।
चन्द्रे वाप्युदयगते
जलराशिस्थेवदेद्वर्षम् ॥ 48 ॥

(*To predict rain in any season*).

If the 3rd house, the 2nd house and the Kendra houses, from Prasna Lagna be watery signs, (a) if such signs be occupied by benefic planets and if it be the light half

of the month at the time, there will be rain. Also, if the Prasna Lagna be a watery sign and if it be occupied by the Moon, there will be rain.

Notes.

(*a*). Watery signs: These are Cancer, Scorpio and Pisces.

पुंवर्गलग्नगतेपुंग्रहदृष्टे
बलान्वितेपुरुषः ।
युग्मे स्त्रीग्रहदृष्टे
स्त्रीबुधयुक्ते तु गर्भयुता ॥ 49 ॥

(*To predict the sex of the issue and pregnancy.*)

If the rising varga (*a*) be masculine, if it be aspected by male planets (*b*) and if the Prasna Lagna be powerful (*c*) the issue will be a male child. If the Prasna Lagna be an even sign (*d*) and if it be aspected by female planets (*e*), the issue will be a female child. Generally, if Mercury occupy the Prasna Lagna a woman may be declared pregnant (*f*).

Notes.

(*a*) Varga : One of the six divisions of a sign of Zodiac. Masculine vargas bear the same names as masculine signs and these are the odd signs of the Zodiac.

(*b*). Male planets : These are Jupiter, the Sun and Mars.

(*c*). That is, if it be occupied or aspected by its lord or by Jupiter and Mercury.

(*d*). This is one of the six signs Taurus, Cancer, Virgo, Scorpio, Capricorn and Pisces.

(*e*). These are Venus and the Moon.

(*f*). That is, that the woman is pregnant and that delivery has not yet taken place.

कुमारिकां बालशशी बुधश्च
वृद्धां शनिःसूर्य्यगुरू प्रसूतां ।
स्त्रींकर्कशांभौमसितौविधत्ते
एवं वयःस्यात्पुरुषेषुचैव ॥ 50 ॥

(*To discover the age of a person questioned about*)

If the planet occupying or aspecting he Prasna Lagna be the young Moon (*a*) or Mercury, the person enquired about is a girl. If it be Saturn, then an old woman.

If it be the Sun or Jupiter, then a woman just after delivery and if it be Mars or Venus, then a rough or a robust woman. The same rule applies to men.

Notes.

(*a*). The young Moon : This term is applied to the Moon from the 1st day to the 10th day of the light half of the lunar month and the Moon is known to be full or of middle age from the 11th day of the light half to the 5th day of the dark half and beyond that period the Moon is said to be old. According to the commentator, if the Moon be full, the woman will be of adult age. The age of a thief can be similarly ascertained.

आत्मसमं लग्नगतैस्तृतीय
गैर्भ्रातरः सुतः सुतगैः ।
माता वा भगिनी वा
चतुर्थगैः शत्रुगैः शत्रुः ॥ 51 ॥
भार्या सप्तमसंस्थैर्नवमै
र्धर्म्मचिन्तका गुरुर्दशमे ।
स्वांशपतिमित्रशत्रुषु
तथैववाच्याः फलयुतेषु ॥ 52 ॥

(To discover whom the query refers to).

If the most powerful planet occupy the Prasna Lagna, the query will be about a person intimately connected with the querent; if it occupy the 3rd house, the query will be about the querent's brother; if it occupy the 4th house, then, about the querent's mother or sister; if it occupy the 5th house, then about the querent's son ; if it occupy the 6th house, then about the querent's enemy; if it occupy the 7th house, then about the qurent's wife; if it occupy the 9th house then about a person doing acts of charity and if it occup ythe 10th house, then about the querent's preceptor. Also, if the planet occupying the rising sign be its lord & if he be powerful, the query will be about the querent himself; if such planet be friendly to the lord of the rising sign and also powerful, the query will be about the querent's friend; but if such planet be inimical to the lord of the rising sign and also powerful, then the query

will be about the querent's enemy (*a*).

Notes.

(*a*). Where several planets occupy the Prasna Lagna, if the most powerful of these be friendly to the lord of the rising sign, then the query refers to the querent's friend; and if it be inimical to such lord, then the query will be about the querent's enemy.

For friendly and inimical planets Vide 16 & 17 Ch. II B. J.

चरलग्ने चरभागे मध्याङ्टे
प्रवासचिन्तास्यात् ।
भ्रष्टः सप्तमभवनात्
पुनर्निवृत्तोयदि न वक्री ॥ 53 ॥

(To predict the return or non-return of a traveller.)

If both the rising sign and the rising Navamsa be moveable and if such Navamsa be one from the 6th to the 9th Navamsa of the sign, the query will refer to a person who has gone abroad. If the planet which has just left the 7th house and gone to the 8th be direct in motion, the

traveller will return to his place; and if the planet be retrograde in motion, the person will not return.

अस्ते रविसितवक्रैः
परजायां स्वां गुरौबुधेवेश्यां ।
चन्द्रे च वयः शशिवत्
प्रवदेत्सौरेऽन्त्यजातां वा ॥ 54 ॥

(To discover the character and age of a woman enjoyed by the querent)

If the 7th house from Prasna Lagna be occupied by the Sun or Venus or Mars the woman enjoyed by the querent will be the wife of another person. If such 7th house be occupied by Jupiter, she will be the querent's own wife; if it be occupied by Mercury or the Moon she will be a prostitute; and if by Saturn, she will be a woman of low caste. The age of the woman will be that of the Moon (*a*).

Notes.

(*a*). The age of the Moon has already been

explained; so that, if at the time of query the Moon be young, the woman enjoyed by the querent will also be young; if old, old.

मन्दः पापसमेतोलग्नात्
नवमे शुभैरयुतदृष्टः ।
रोगार्त्तःपरदेशे
चाष्टमगोब्दत्युकरएव ॥ 55 ॥

(*To predict the illness and death of a person who has gone abroad*).

If the 9th house from Prasna Lagna be occupied by Saturn accompanied by a malefic planet (*a*) and if such 9th house be not occupied or aspected by benefic planets, the traveller will be suffering from illness. If the 8th house be so occupied (*b*) the traveller will have died.

Notes.

(*a*). The Sun, Mars or waning Moon.

(*b*). That is, if the 8th house be occupied by Saturn accompanied by a malefic planet and if such 8th house be not occupied or aspected by benefic planets.

सौम्ययुतोऽर्कः सौम्यैः
संदृष्टश्चाष्टमर्क्षसंस्थश्च ।
तस्माद्देशादन्यगतः
सवाच्यः पितातस्य ॥ 56 ॥

(*To predict the place of querent's father who has gone abroad*).

If the 8th house from Prasna Lagna be occupied by the Sun accompanied by a benefic planet and if such house be also aspected by benefic planets, the querent's father who has gone abroad will have quitted the first country and gone to another.

Notes.

If the Sun be otherwise, the querents' father will remain in the first country.



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